NEW YORK, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1875.

## WAS THIS MAN MURDERED ?

A SEA CAPTAIN'S MYSTERIOUS DIS. APPEARANCE.

An frish Lady Wedded in the South Seas and a Divorced Wife in New York—The Descrited Bride's Story—The Captain Har-rassed by his First Wife—The Mate's Story.

bark Olivia Davis, Just from China. The Captain took his bride on board the bark and set sail for

Capt. Mantel said that he had no idea who the visitor wis, but hoped it might be a ship owner. On Sanday evening he told Mrs. Mantel that he should have an early breakfast Monday morning, as he should be busy all day, and that she need not wait to eat lunch with nim. He left the hotel at 90 clock, without his watch or keys or the revolver, which he always carried when expecting to be gone all night. His wife has not seen him since. Inquiries among shipowners and reamen, by whom he was well known, gave no clue to his vinerabouts. He had left his young wife, a stranger in a strange land, knowing no one, and almost destitute.

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\*\*SOME SUSPICION\*\*

points to the mate of the Olivia Davis, with whom Capt. Mantel had some difficulty in the voyage. The mate frequently threatened his life, and once followed him around the deck with an axe. Four days after the Captain's disappearance the mate called at the hotel, and sont his card to Mrs. Mantel. Sie was afrait to see him alone, and a friend who was helping her pack her tranks went to the reception noom with her. The mate inquired for Captain Mantel. Mrs. Mantel said that sie did not know where he was, nor when he would return. "Well, I know where he is," said the mate. "He is in Philadelphia. I know it from some conversation we had on the voyage. He said he was going to Philadelphia." The mante's avowed purpose in calling was to say that Mr. Spring, the owner of the ship, would not settle his bill without the Cantain's endorsement. The man has since shipped in another vessel, and is on his way to Chim.

About twelve years are Capt. Mantel married a Liverpool lady. She went on his voyages with him for about live veius, and after that she made her bome in Brookion, boarding where Mrs. Mantel is now staying. The lumntes of the bouse, the Captain's sister and friends, did not like Mrs. Mantel number one. They describe her as a "brazen thing." The Captain about two years ago separated from her, procuring, as he said,

A LEGAL DIVORCE. the friends of Capt. Mantel connect the old

THE WIFL'S STORY.

in an earnest, boyish

THE MEMPHIS-EL PASC BRIBERY. THE PACIFIC MAIL BRIBERY

A Card from Gen. Negley-Some Things that he Admits and Others that he Falls to Deny-Showing a Defective Memory.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-Gen. Negley. whose name appeared in the last installment of the Southern Pacific bribery exposure, requests the publication of the card given below. The Two years ago a young lady, born and ord in Dublin, well educated, and fine looking. went to Australia as governess in a wealthy
English family. After residing in Sydney about his card. He very frankly declared that he did one year she met C pt. John W. Mantel of the take a very deep interest in the legislation desired by the parties interested in the Texas and wooed and won the Irish girl, and in May last he Pacific, because it was understood and agreed that Pennsylvania men should have a large, if not a controlling, interest in it. He does On the 17th of December they arrived in this not deny that he was concerned for On the 17th of December they arrived in this city and took rooms in the United States Hotel. The Captain knew that the bark was to be sold before he left Australia, and consequently his first business on reaching this city was to seek another vessel to command. He went to Boston and was gone a few days, and was busy among the ship owners daily.

On Saturday, the 2th of January, the Captain and his wife spent the day in Brooklyn with friends. Durin the day an elderly gentleman, in apprate carriage, called at the hotel three times to see the Captain, but he left neither name, nor card, nor did he tell his business.

THE DISAPPEARANCE.

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To the Educe of the Sun.

Sis: Although the Memphis and El Paso Railroad Company came to grief before lentered Congress, and I had no more to do with than I had to do with the grasshopper playue in Kansas, nevertheless the historian of the Southern Pascific Railroad has found occapion to confer upon me a portion of the sensational honors he has been distributing. Givening the argument in connection with the threats uttered in my presence, there has been distributing, Givening the argument in connection with the threats uttered in my presence, there has been distributing, Givening the argument in connection with the threats uttered in my presence, there has been distributing to south in completity in the frames alleged against the Memphis and El Paso Railroad Company.

To my certain knowledge Col. Scott had no interest in the Texas Pacific Railroad prior to the passage of the act approved May, 1871. It was subsequent to this time that he yielded to the urrent solicitation of those whe de med it highly important that Pennsylvania should have an interest in the management of this national thoroughtisre. At no time and under no circumstances did I claim to be the authorized agent of Col. Scott. I was not empowered to guarantee claims against the Memphis and El Paso Italiroad Company. I had no more inclination to do this thing than I have now to guarantee certificates of nonexty for some of its claimants.

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The Cost of the District Government. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.--After the call of the States to morrow for bills and resolutions in the House, the Committee on the District of Columbia will have

THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGA-

TION A FARCE.

Neglecting to Pollow Up Important Clues-A Witness Budgered and Abused-What Rufus Hatch Might have Disclosed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-The Pacific Mail inquiry drags its slow length along without any apparently definite object on the part of the committee, save to avoid finding out anything, On Friday the examination of Rufus Hatch was concluded, and he was discharged. The committee had been informed by those who knew what they were about that Mr. Hatch knew something about the stock which Stockwell was carrying during the time his lobby was operat-ing here in 1872. But notwithstanding this, the committee failed to ask Mr. Hatch one word on this subject. They had been told that if they compelled him to produce his books showing his transactions for Stockwell in Pacific Mail stock, they might obtain clues to very interestthink worth while to act on this advice. Mr Irwin had told the Chairman of the committee Irwin had told the Chairman of the committee that checks for \$400,000 of the money expended by him were in the possession of the company. Mr. Hatch produced a check book of the company, and exhibited it as proof of the falsity of this statement. The committee, however, did not ask him whether there were any such checks as Irwin mentioned in the company's possession. Mr. Irwin asserts that these checks are locked up in the company's safe in New York.

Work.

Mr. Dillon, who was formerly Cashier in the Sergeant-at-Arms' office, and who testified to some curious facts in 1872, was again examined in private on Friday. After he came out he said that he did know something when he testified before, or thought he did, but he was so badgered and abused by the committee then that he came to the conclusion that he was the only guilty man about the Capitol, and was only too glad to get out of the scrape he was in by surrendering all the papers he had to the committee and permit them to be destroyed. He said that his attention was attracted by several members of Congress coming to the Sergeant at Arms' office and genositing or getting change for \$1.000 notes. He made a memberate to the committee, and the date showed that it was at the time of the passage of the Pacific Mail subsidy; but several members of the committee abused him so for playing the spy on members of Congress, as the characterized his conduct, that he really felt ashamed of himself, and arreed to have his memorandum destroyed. From that time he dismissed the subject from his mind, and not long afterward quit Washington, and now he could not remember anything about the thing.

Mr. Whiting arrived here on Saturday night, and is stopping at the Epbitt House, where he is under the surveillance of an Assistant Sergeant at-Arms. It is not known what explanation he will make in regard to his transaction with the Pacific Mail.

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The Largest Diamond in America.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

The largest diamond in the United States The largest diamond in the United States is among the clittering objects of interest in the show window of Col. Andrews's diamond palace on Montgomery street. It attracted a great deal of attention yesterday. Its weight is 511-16 karats. It was found in Africa two years ago and was taken to Amsterdam, where it was cut and polished. Twenty-two months were occupied in subjecting it to these processes. It is siightly off color, and consequently its value is only placed at \$9,000. Col. Andrews's trother, residing in London, secured the gem and forwarded it to this city. The next largest diamond in America is owned by "Boss" Tweed, and weighs 174 karats. The late Jim Fisk had one of 15 karats', weight. The most valuable diamond owned in San Francisco up to this time is in the possession of Lloyd Tevis, and is said to be worth \$15,000.

The Cold and the Water Pipes. trouble with water pipes as now. The frost has pene trated so deeply that underground pipes which hereto fore have been supposed to be entirely beyond th reach of cold have been frozen up and the water suppl reach of cold have been frozen up and the water suppli-cut off. In many quarters of the city have been see bearing fires in the streets built in hoice dug over suppli-pips to thaw out the freezen Croton. Apprehensial has existed that the fire hydrauts might be frozen, leav-ing the city exposed to fire. Some delay at fires ha-arisen from this cause, but thus far the injection of stream of steam into the rozen hydrant has generally effected, its purpose, though this has sometimes been attended as the law of the hay prove disastrons unles-some means shall be decased whereby they may alway be kept in woraling order.

Gampling Houses Closed. The gambling house at 96 Bleecker street was closed by Capt. McDonnell and a detachment of patrol-men. Its furniture and fifteen game-ters were taken to the Prince street station. Frederick Backerman's policy stop at 48 East Forty-second street, was closed yesterday by Detective Cunning, and Backerman was arrested. Justice Murray held him in default of \$1,000 ball.

death at Windsor, Vermont, was born and reared in that neighborhood, and has reputable brothers, sisters, and other relatives living. He had become such an outcast through dissipation that not one of them attended his trial, and nobody could be found to testify a word in favor of any point in his conduct or character. A clergyman is now working at him, however, with a probability of making him a Christian before he is banged.

Two well-dressed men, while crossing from Brooklyn on the ice on Saturday, near Hamilton ferry, broke through and were soon struggling in the water. Alexander Seely, a young boatman, who lives at the foot of Hicks street, Brooklyn, hurried to their rescue and pulled them out, although he was submerged in the water in the attempt. As soon as the men put foot on water in the attempt. As soon as the men put foot on water in the attempt. As soon as the men put foot on a close of the street of t

NO HOPE FOR LOUISIANA.

The Hoar Committee to Endorse the Kellogg Usurpation-Pinchback to be Seated-Mor-ton Claiming a Majority for Him.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-The Republicans on the Louisiana Committee, No. 2, have returned with a determination to make a report which will delight Kellogg and the caucus, and if possible break down the fair and unblased judgment which Messrs. Foster, Phelps, and Potter arrived at and gave to the House immediately after the holiday recess. The committee went to Louisiana with that idea, and conducted the investigation in that spirit, and the announcement of their impressions is therefore only what has been all along expected. A meeting of the committee will be held to-morrow to

M. de Fourton.
LONDON, Feb. 13.—A special despatch to the Echo from Prins says the greatest uneasiness prevails in that city in consequence of the political situation. The crisis is graver than ever. The Chamber cannot make a constitution, and will not dissolve. President MacMahon would have resigned, if the Senate bill had been passed as amended. as amended.

The Bonapartists gain greatly by these complications. The Republicans will make no further concessions.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—It is believed that no new Cabinet will be formed until a final decision is reached in the Assembly on the Constitutional bills.

What Mazzini wrote to Bismarck in 1867. London, Feb. 13.-The Florence Epoca has published a correspondence purporting to sian Government in 1867. It contains a letter written by Mazzini to Bismarck warning him of the existence of an alliance between France and Italy, and stating that by concessions in re-lation to Rome France had secured Italian and in case of war with Prussia. Mazzini offered, if furnished with 1,000,000 lire and arms, to frus-trate the scheme by effecting the restoration of Italy. He declared that his information was trustwortny, out that he was unable to give the authority for it. The Cologne Gractat is inclined to believe the correspondence authentic, but the Berlin press repudiate it.

Bazaine's Reception in Santander. BAYONNE, Feb. 13.-Ex-Marshal Bazaine arrived at Santander yesterday. The French residents of the town, having asked for and obresidents of the town, baving asked for and ob-tained permission of the authorities to serenade him, used the opportunity to hiss him and in-duige in insulting cries. The crowd was dis-persed by the police.

SANTANDER, Feb. 14.—Ex-Marshal Bazaine left here last night for Madrid. The police were obliged to occupy the railway station on his de arture to protect him from violence and in-sult.

Alfonso in Madrid-His Army Falling Back. MADRID, Feb. 14.-King Alfonso has arrived in the city. The Marquis de Molins, Minister of the Marine, has been appointed Ambassador to England. Señor Canovas del Castilla takes charge of the Marine Department ad interim. SANTANDER, Feb. 14.—It is rumored that the Alfonsist forces have fallen back to Oteiza, Larraga, and Tafalla, and the Carlists in Biscay and Guipuzcoa have been reinforced. A sudden attack on Bilboa is threatened.

Gen. Wimpffen's Libel Suit. Paris, Feb. 14.-In the trial of the Wimpffen libel case yesterday the General ad-

the imputations on his character as an officer and a gentleman. M. de Cassanac, the defendant, replied by repeating the statements he made in Le Pays. He accused Gen. Wimpflen of vanity and incompetency, and declared he was guilty of treachery, having broken his oath of allegiance to the Empress. The International Code Conference. LONDON, Feb. 14.-Prince Gortchakoff has replied to England's refusal to participate in the International Code Conference at St. Pe

tersburg. He says the way will always be open to England to give in her adhesion to the resolutions which may be adopted by the Conference whether she joins it or not. The moderate tone of the reply is attributed to the wediation of the German Ambassador at St. Petersburg. PLYMOUTH, Feb. 14.—The steamship Leipsig, from Bremen and Southampton for Baiti

more, ran aground to-day off Slart Point in dense fog. Her passengers and mails have been landed. It is thought she will get affoat to morrow.

NAVIGATING THROUGH ICE

A CAPTAIN'S ACCOUNT OF A TRIP FROM NEW LONDON.

A Canal Twenty Miles Long Between Frozen Shores Teams Crossing New Haven Har-bor-Irregular Runs and Slow Time.

The Tille and Bolivar, propellers of the Vermont Central Line of Sound boats, and the City of Norwich of the Norwich Line, reached New York at eleven o'clock yesterday morning, after a twenty-three hours' trip from New London. There had been no boats down since Friday, and they found the passage very dim-

"We left New London on Saturday morning at eleven," said Capt. Geer, of the Bolivar. "There was no ice in the New London harbor, nor has there been this winter. In fact the only time I have known it to be frozen over was ship Resolute, which was sent to Greenland with supplies, was caught in the ice, and was afterward towed into New London by a whaler.
We first fell in with the ice off Hartlett's Reef
Lightship. The Sound was full of big cakes of
ice, some of them miles square, which had come
out of the bays and from along shore, where it
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out of the bays and from along shore, where the him the Senate. The report to-night is that forty-eight Senate will vote to admit him. Among this number are several who were ten days ago opposed to his admission. A long debate on the subject is expected. Senators Ransom, Stevenson and others, who stand ready to speak on the Louisiana question, will embrace the occasion of the motion to admit Pinchback to deliver their speeches. There is a report that the Democrate propose to fillibuster in order to defer a vote on this question, but the statement is without warrant. Senator Morton claims seven majority for seating Pinchback.

\*\*MORE BATONETS FOR NEW ORLEANS\*\*

Soldiers from Governor's Island to Recruit De Trobriand's Forces.

\*\*Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock 180 men landed at the Battery. Back one of the 180 wore a blue army overcoat. On the back of each was strapped a knapsack, two heavy blankets, a canteen, a tin cup, and a tin pan. The 180 formed in line and marched up West street, preceded by two men in full dress uniform. These two men were Capt. C. B. Weston of the Fourteenth Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. Goringe of the Eleventh Regiment,

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There will be a general start to-day and to-morrow, as the captains think that the worst of the ice lock is over.

GARFIELD'S LITTLE JOB.

An Appropriation of \$20,000 for a Portrait

of Gen. Thomas. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-Gen. Garfield, as hairman of the Committee on Appropriations, is slily working through a fat little job for a female artist friend of his who has painted a picture of Gen. Thomas. The painting has been on exhibition in the rotunda of the Capitol all winter, and for nearly a month after Congress assembled the artist was publicly engaged in putting the final touches to ner work. Of course this was calculated to attract the attention of the average Congressiven, and enlist his sympathies for the pretty workman, and now the source vivil bill contains an appropriation of \$20,000 for the purchase of the picture. There is not a commisseur in art who would give \$1,000 for it if he had money to throw away, but the chairman of the Appropriation Committee will distinct the house. Gen. G. The did went, so the story goes, to the stationery clerk the other day, and cordered three fancy inkstands, which cost \$5 apiece, to be sent to his house, and directed them to be charged to the Committee on Appropriations. The clerk made no objection, but the fore sending the articles, told the Chairman of the Committee on accounts of the circumstance, and that gentleman promptly ordered the inkstands to be charged to Mr. Garfield's private account, which was done. assembled the artist was publicly engaged in

NEW HAMBURGH, N. Y., Pob. 13,-The sport on the ice to-day was not what the testive people thought it would be, for there was no wind. At 2 thought it would be, for there was no wind. At 2 o'clock the air was so still that the sportsmen almost despaired of having a race, but the following boats made their appearance on the track. Our Vive, Capt. Peter Levey, Maga, John Lose; Pall, Commodore Grinnell.

The course was from the flagstell opposite the steam dock to that opposite Briegat Bay, three unies up the river and return, to be railed over twice, thus making the distance twelve miles. At 246 the boats were started, but the wind was no light had note of the craft could show their speed. They rounded the stake boat in the following order. Puri, Whill, Oal Vive, Magic.

Thus the Full took the first prize, and the Whiff the second.

The twelve miles were made by the winner in 39 minutes, 39 seconds.

The Tammany Committee on Organization and the Tammany Assemblymen met in Tammany Halon Saturday to consider the measures pending in the Legislature affecting the interests of the people of the

CURIOSITIES OF CRIME. James Rogers of 692 Eighth avenue, to whom

The Massachusetts Supreme Court has over-ruled the exceptions in the case of Jesse Pomeroy, the boy murderer, and ordered judgment on the verdet. Young Joneroy will therefore be sentenced to death by hanging.

or angling.

The jury in the care of Frederick Albright, spell II years, who, it was alleged, died from cruel treatment by his parents in Morristown, N. J., returned a vertice censuring in the strongest terms the harsh mannan, and it treatment of the child by its father and displanter.

HOURS OF LEISURE.

Windsor coterie, Wainalia Hall, Feb. 16. The Eighty-fourth Regiment's ball, Irving

J. Van Enus Association's called hop, Mars's Academy, March 4. Academy, March 4.

Annual drill and reception of the Seventy-first Regiment, at the State Arachai, Feb. 22.

Thirty-fourth annual commencement, Medical bepartment, University of the City of New York, Steinway Hall, Feb. 10.

In Tammany Hall, Peb. 18, Cyrille and Joseph Dion will play with Misurios Daiy and Albert Garnier a four handed French game, for the benefit of the Homespathic Hospital Fair Association. ROLLING UP THE EXPENSES.

The House Voting to Take \$35,000,000 from the Treasury to Equalize Bounties—The District Bill Probably Killed in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—In the Senate yesterday Mr. Dorsey (Rep., Ark.) offered a resolu-tion authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to admit free of duty the diamond necklace presented by the Khedive of Egypt to Mrs. Pitch, the daughter of Gen. Sherman. The resolution was ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The District of Columbia bill was then taken up, and after Committee on Appropriations. The District of Columbia bill was then taken up, and after it had been considered in committee was reported to the Senate. Mr. Mortenthen renewed his amendment to have two of the Commissioners elected by the people and the third appointed by the President. Mr. Sargent renewed his amendment for the election of one Commissioner instead of two, which was agreed to. The discussion was then renewed on the right of the people of the District to suffrage, and when the vote was taken the amendment as amended was rejected—22 to 24. Then Mr. Stewart moved an amendment to provide for the election of one Commissioner, and it was agreed to—23 to 22. Mr. Edmunds then took the lead in opposition to the bill, and it becoming apparent that it could not be disposed of yestesday a motion to adjourn was carried. The bill is now considered to be dead, as Mr. Morrill of Maine, who has charge of it, gave notice vesterday when he called it up that he would not attempt to have it considered again if it should not be disposed of during the day.

In the House Mr. Dawes made an effort to have the Tariff bill considered, but it was pushed aside, and by a vote of 96 to 46, Mr. Gunckel's bill to equalize bounties was taken up. The Tariff bill is intended to raise \$35,000,000, while Mr. Gunckel's oill will take about the same sum from the Treasury. Messrs. Dawes and Garfield opposed the bill, and protested against its passue in view of the present condition of the Treasury. After being amended to include sailors and marines, the Missouri regiments, and Indians, the bill was passed—veas, 177; nays, 39. This took up the entire day. The bill will probably fail in the Senate.

DIVORCE CASES IN BROOKLYN. Opening the Floodgates of Scandal in the City

of Scandals.

Almost the entire session of the City Court in Almost the entire session of the City Court in Brooklyn on Saturday was taken up in hearing motions in connection with divorce cases, and Judge McCue took occasion to say that the Judges of the City Court were about to establish a new rule with regard to divorce cases, as motions to send cases before referees and for alimony and counsel fees had become an abuse. He believed the best way would be to try divorce cases at once, in spen court, after proper notice had be in given. The secrecy secured by sending cases before referees tended to increase litigation unnecessarily, and was besides the occasion of a great loss of time and money. Hereafter, Judge McCue said he would refere to refer cases, but would force the parties to trial in open court, with as little delay as possible.

E. Delafield Smith Still Ahead.

About a week ago, Mayor Wickham removed can neither approve nor disapprove his action until he has examined the evidence on which his action is based. This section of the Governor is regarded as unreasonable by the New York Democratic politicians. They say that in the opinion of several eminemal lawyers, the word "reasons" used in the charter, means a statement of the cause for which an officer is removed, and a specification of the facts on when the charges are besse; but that it does not include the evidence of those facts. They and that, under the charter, the Mayor is the judge of the sufficiency of the facts, and that the Governor has to decide as to the sufficiency of the Mayor reasons. The Mayor, although he appreciates the force of the se of jection, wit comply with the Governor's request and send thin the evidence.

Hurry it Along.
The Board of Directors for the Brooklyn bridge, The Board of Directors for the Brooklyn bridge, as they stand now, are Laurence J. Turner, James M. McLean, A. S. Hewitt, James M. Motley, John Reilly, Lloyd Asoinwall, Charles J. Canda, and F. B. Thurber for New York, with the Mayor and Comptroller; and Henry C. Murphy, David M. Sione, Thomas Carrol, William C. Kingsley, J. S. T. Straanhan, William Marshall, George L. Nichols, and Samuel Brown, with the Mayor and Comptroller of Brookley. There are twenty members of the board, Since the work on the bridge was begun, in January, 1870, there has been expended \$4.787, 421.66, and chies lat of January, 1875, when the work was suspended on account of the cold weather, there was \$41,663.68 on hand. On the opening of spring the work on the New York tower is to be pushed forward night and day, and it is likely that the passengers of 1879 or '80 may be rid of the lee-blockade.

Comptroller Green's Place Wanted. Within the past few days strenuous efforts have been made by politicians of all parties, contractors and others having claims against the city, to induce Mayor Wickham to remove Comptroller Green. Politicians who profess to be well informed say that the Mayor, acting under the advice of the leaders of his party, will soon remove the Comptroller and in necessance with the charter communicate to Gov. Tidden his reasons for the removal. They add that by such action the Mayor will show his readiness to comply with the domainds of his party, and that the Governor will be compelled to show whether he is willing to see contrary to the wishes of the party by whom he was elected to office. Within the past few days strenuous effort

Improvement of the Mississippi River. Improvement of the Mississippi River.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The opinion of the
House Committee on Commerce is unanimous for
adopting Capt. Easis's project for jettles at the mouth of
the Mississippi river. His expectation is that the committee will report a bill authorizing the work to be constructed by him under the direction of the Secretary of
War for the sam of \$8,00,000 in all, on condition that
the work to begun vigorously in eight mouths from the
date of the act. The bill appropriates \$500,000, and the
Secretary is directed to issue 5 per cent, bonds for silother payments on the work in case of Congress failing
to make appropriations. The estimate of Capt. Easis is
less than thy official estimates.

FLASHES FROM THE OCEAN CABLES M. Fould, the Paris banker, died on Satur-M. Gorst, the Conservative candidate, has been charmed to the British Parliament from Chatham by 215 majority.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

The extensive lamp-black works of Charles Entry, Jeanson & Co., on Penrove Ferry road, Paillange, plus, Po., were burned yesterday morning. The loss is The Little The Little Property of the The Lutheran Church at Clear Spring, Washington ceunty, Md., was burned last evening. The organ and most of the furniture were saved. The loss is about \$6,000; no insurance.

The steamer Frank P. Grgcey was burned in her lee harbor at Dutch Bend, Ind., yesterday morning, and is a total loss. The steamer was owned by cap. Wiley Simms of Nashville, G. J. Grammer and John Goff of Evansylle, and was valued at \$1,000. Now at \$1.00 and \$1

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

James Stanicy O'Donnell Johnstone, the poet baroer of French's Hotel, is announced to ucliver a lec-ture in Stefnway Hall on the "Belfast Orators," some time this mouth.

Capt. Cates, of the brig Hattle, arrived from Clenfuegos, reports the loss at sea of Edward Travis, a seamen, of Machine, who fell from the foretopsail yard. He struck the rail and was killed, and the body fell over board.

## THE THIRD-TERM SCHEME.

GRANT URGING THE PASSAGE OF THE BAYONET BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-The bayonet or ree bill agreed on by the late Radical caucus is the one topic of conversation in political cir-cles. It is generally regarded as the most extreme measure yet suggested and as evidence of a purpose to handcuff the South and carry the next Presidential election by military force. Democratic Congressmen are not greatly sur-prised at the scheme, as they have, since an early period of the session, been aware that the

his amendment for the election of one Commissions amendment for the election of one Commissioner interest of two, which was streed to The discussion was then renewed on the right when the vote was taken, the amendment as amended was rejected—22 to 24. Then Mr. amended was rejected—22 to 24. Then Mr. amended was rejected—22 to 24. Then Mr. the election of an amendment to provide for the election of an amendment to the election of the election of an amendment to provide for the election of an amendment to the election of the election of an amendment to the election of an amendment to the election of the election

FOR THE WEALTHY.

A Beautiful Cottage by the Sea for Our Yachtsmen. At a special meeting of the New York Yacht

Pacific Railroad Mensures Before Congress House Committee on Pacific Railronds will report favor-ably to-morrow on the Texas Pacific bill, and an effort ably to-morrow on the Texas Pacific bill, and an effort will at once be made to fix a day for its consideration. This will require a two-thirds vote, and the chances are that it cannot be obtained at present.

The Central Pacific Rairond having been beaten before the House Committee on Public Lanos in their effort to control the Tijon Pass, and secure other advantages, have transferred their operations to the Senate Committee on Pacific Raironds, and the question is to be heard to-morrow morning.

The proposal of the President of the Union Pacific Railroad for the Government to release them from their obligations under the second morizage, in consideration of an annual payment, will seen be sent to Congress, and very probably with a favorable recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Phillippa's French Nurse.

In the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Phillipps yeaterday at church, Eloise Metter was left in charge of
two children. On their return they heard the cries of
their children, who had been locked up alone in the their children, who had been locked up alone in the nursery. Mr. Phillipps went to his jewelry box, and found that two gold watches, valued at \$600, diamond earlings, study, and other jewelry; hees not found that two gold watches, valued at \$600, diamond earlings, study, and other jewelry; hees not furs had been stolen. He drove to the Police cut with the where the peter Lysacht detailed Detectives Tomas and Adams to hunt the thief. The officers an hour later found that one Louis Metter, a waiter, was preparing to start the Carrope, Pursuing the trait they succeeded in finding Louis and Floise Metler at 11 Vandam street. At mindight Mr. Phillipps had recovered all of his property, and the thieves were locked up.

The great storm of Thursday blocked the restern divisions of the Eric Kailway to such an ex-

Fishing for Oil Caus. John McM thon, aged 13, of 73 Beekman street, was seen to break a window in a hometurni-hing store at 83 Fukun street, last night, and to thrust in a bent wire and drag out some off-cas and other small article. Officer Cooper, who watched the operation from the opposite side of the street, captured the low sider a chase and took him to the Beekman street police station.

Wenther Office Prediction. Rising barometer, increasing northwest winds, older, cle r weather. BROOKIYN.

The confestants of the will of Joseph K. Brick, the founder of the Frocklyn Gas Company and inventor of the clay gas retort, who left haif a million dollars to his wife, expect to appeal from the decision of the General fram of the Supreme Court affirming the probate of the will, and they say that they will carry the case to the United States Supreme Court. Mrs. Julia E. Brick, the widow, is living in an elegant residence in Lafayette avenue, Brookish, and while the contest proceed is enjoying the estate. The litigation is in its sixty year.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Hon, W. W. Eaton was on Saturday aworn The front W. W. Eston was on Saturday sworn has finited Separter from Connections fold it have causey caused by the death of Separter Burstingsam.

The Hom. Samulet Hooter, Member of Congress from the Feurth Massachnertz Historic, deed at his residence in Washington on Saturday agent of years. It was first elegical to the Theory several Congress in 180, to fift the vicabley scussed by the resignation of the Hom. Within H. Appendin, and was freedering Congress in to the present day and succeeding Congress in to the present day and acceleration last fall. Judge Hear will to day announce the death of Congressian Hooter in the House, and ask for the appendix of the commutate to superficient the funeral from the Capital on the Hill condering the Time remains will be deposited in Oak Hill condering until the return of Mr. Hooper's family from Europe.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Licut. George G. Smith, Twenty-third Infanty, committed annelle on Saturday evening at Fort D. A. Russel, Wyomng.

A bill removing the capital of West Virginia to Wheeling within the next ninety days has passed both Houses of the Legislature and awaits the Governor's signature to become law. In the Minnesota Legislature on Saturday two balots were taken for United States Senator. The last one stood: Lochren, 63; Cole, 35; Washburn, 31; scattering, 16; Ramsey and Davis have withdrawn.

J. N. Camden withdrew from the United States Senatorial contest in West Virginia on Saturday, and J. J. Jackson was nominated. A vote was then taken, which stood: Jackson, 32; Walker, 23; Price, 20.

The Rev. Robert H. Pattison, pastor of the Western Methodast Episcopal thurch of Pulladelph ded yesterday morning of paracisis, aged 54 years. It was Secretary of the Pulladelph and for the Pulladelph of the Southern Methods of the Pulladelph of the Southern Methods of the Southern District.

The National Grange on Saturday adopted the The Commissioners of Docks have sent to Mayor Wickham their snawer to the Commissioners of Accounts charges that they had committed filegal acts in the management of their department. The Mayor Will probably act on the charges this week.